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1. Since late 1944, reconstruction work has been in progress at the partly destroyed iron works at Taganrog (47° 12' N, 38° 57' E). The twelve pre-war blast furnaces have been restored and in full operation since February 1946. The furnaces, which are used to process the locally mined iron ore, have a capacity of 600 tons each per tapping.
2. Since June 1946, the existing installations have been undergoing expansion. German F.W.s and Russians work under the supervision of Russian engineers. In April 1947, four new blast furnaces, with a capacity of 800 tons each, were completed and put into operation. An additional six furnaces are now in operation. According to rumor, there is to be a total of twenty new furnaces. The factory is divided into separate plants, each with three furnaces and one or two casting shops. In the four casting shops, "T" and "double-T" girders, said to be for housing, are produced.

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